फर्टिलाइजर कारपोरेशन आफ इंडिया तथा हिंदुस्तान फर्टिलाइजर कारपोरेशन में सरकार का पूंजी निवेश

*302. श्री राम जेठमलानी :
सरदार जगजीत सिंह अरोड़ा :†

क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) फर्टिलाइजर कारपोरेशन आफ इंडिया तथा हिन्दुस्तान फर्टिलाइजर कारपोरेशन में सरकार द्वारा अभी तक कुल कितना निवेश किया जा चुका है ; और

(ख) क्या सरकार ने इन दोनों निगमों के प्रबंध ढांचे का पुनर्गठन करने का निर्णय लिया है ; और यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है और वह परिवर्तन कब तक किया जाएगा ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) and (b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House

Statement

(a) As on 31-3-1991, the total capital investment on fixed assets in Fertilizer Corporation of India Limited and the Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation Limited were Rs. 767.67 crores and 651.55 crores, respectively. The investments in capital works in progress in FCI and HFC were Rs. 80.67 crores and Rs. 630.24 crores, respectively.

(b) Several aspects of revamping the working of these Corporations, including streamlining the management, are being examined. However, no final decisions have been taken.

SARDAR JAGJIT SINGH AURORA: Question No. 302. (*Interruptions*)

AN HON. MEMBER: Where is the Minister.

†सभा में यह प्रश्न सरकार जगजीत सिंह अरोड़ा द्वारा पूछा गया ।

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Minister is sitting there. I have called Question No. 302. You put the Question.

SARDAR JAGJIT SINGH AURORA: I have said it half a dozen times. (*Interruptions*). Where is the Minister? What is he doing there?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Have you answered?

SHRI G. G. SWELL: You ask the Minister to answer. (*Interruptions*).

श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह : कोई मंत्री भी जवाब देने के लिए तैयार नहीं है । . . . (व्यवधान)

MR. CHAIRMAN: He is the Minister for Chemicals and Fertilizers, Dr. Chinta Mohan. (*Interruptions*). Shri Chinta Mohan.

SHRI G. G. SWELL: Is he an expert in chemicals..... (*Interruptions*)...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Mr. Swell, you cannot do all these. I said he is the Minister in charge and he is answering it. That's all; the matter ends.

SHRI G. G. SWELL: Okay, Sir.

MR. CHAIRMAN: If you don't recognize him, it is not my fault. ..(*Interruptions*)...

SARDAR JAGJIT SINGH AURORA: Mr. Chairman, Sir, my first supplementary is that the Food Corporation of India and the Hindustan Food Corporation. ...(*Interruptions*)...

AN HON. MEMBER: Fertilizer Corporation.

SARDAR JAGJIT SINGH AURORA: Sorry, I beg you pardon. The Fertilizer Corporation of India and the Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation have suffered the following losses up to date: Rs. 1,387 crores by the Fertilizer Corporation of India and Rs. 555 crores by the Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation. I have been given here very scantly information which doesn't show any concern

about all these losses that are being suffered or what adequate steps have been taken to cut down the losses. All that it says is, "Several aspects of revamping the working of these Corporations, including streamlining the management, are being examined. However, no final decisions have been taken." Does it mean that this Ministry is not concerned about the losses they are suffering? And if I can go into the deails....

MR. CHAIRMAN: Your question is, "Are they suffering losses and, if so, how such?" That's all.

SARDAR JAGJIT SINGH AURORA: And what is being done about it?

SHRI CHINTA MOHAN: Sir, we are very much concerned about the losses of these two Fertilizer Corporations. The Fertilizer Corporation of India was started in 1978 and the Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation was also started in 1978. The capital invested in the Fertilizer Corporation of India is approximately Rs. 800 crores and in the Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation it is about Rs. 700 crores. Today the cumulative losses of the Fertilizer Corporation of India are about Rs. 1,400 crores and of the Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation, about Rs. 1,200 crores. Keeping all these things in view, we are trying to restructure the management and we are trying to revamp some of the units which are going to be viable.

SARDAR JAGJIT SINGH AURORA: Can't you give an idea as to which way you are trying to restructure it?

SHRI CHINTA MOHAN: Sir, in 1986 we had appointed an expert, by name Mr. Paul Pothen, who is a fertilizer expert, and he had given his recommendations. The Cabinet, at that time, had examined it and now it is under active consideration.

SARDAR JAGJIT SINGH AURORA: Sir, my second supplementary is about Haldia. The Haldia unit under the Hindustan Food Corporation .... (*Interruptions*)...I beg your pardon, it is the Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation. They are to related that one gets mixed up a bit. This unit has been going on for a number of years. Now, has it come to proper production yet and, if not, why not and what steps are being taken to deal with the Haldia fertilizer unit, when is it likely to become productive and what factors have caused so much increase in the expenditure as also the losses that you have suffered up to date?

SHRI CHINTA MOHAN: Sir, this Haldia unit is a loss-making unit. Due to deficient technologies... (*Interruptions*).. It is not a new phenomenon. We tried to start this unit but, due to deficient technologies from different countires, finally, it is not able to produce even one bag of fertilizer, and we are spending one crore of rupees on the workers who are at present working in the Haldia project.

SARDAR JAGJIT SINGH AURORA: What action has been taken against the people who managed to get these things from various sources which don't match and, therefore, they are never likely to make any profit? Has any inquiry been instituted into this?

SHRI CHINTA MOHAN: We called for the experts from Germany and Japan. They have given their valuable suggestion, and we are examining it.

PROF. CHANDRESH P. THAKUR: Mr. Chairman, Sir, this question of fertilizer units being sick has been agitating our minds for some time. The fact is that we desperately need to step up our indigenous source of fertilizer supply. It so happens that the developed units which are sick, have not been contributing in that direction. There has been a grave error of management judgement in clubbing all the sick units together. It so happens that they are concentrated in depressed areas of the country, Assam, Bihar and West Bengal. In the revamping plan which the Government is considering, do we get an assurance from the Minister:

(a) that there will be no closure of these plants;

(b) that there will be an imaginative approach towards revamping including their re-clubbing with prosperous units so that they can get funds from the

surplus generating units and get the benefit of better managemen tthere; and

(c) that there will be sufficient capital availables for the revamping scheme to be really effective?

SHRI CHINTA MOHAN: We will take a consensus view about the sick units. As present we do not have much of budgetary support to shpport these sirk units.

श्री राम नरेश यादव : महोदय, माननीय मंत्री जी ने अपने उत्तर में कहा है कि फर्टिलाइजर कारपोरेशन आफ इंडिया में 768.67 करोड़ रुपए की पूंजी लगी हुई है और घाटा हो गया है कुल 1400 करोड़ रुपए इसकी उत्पादन क्षमता थी 8 लाख टन लेकिन 1990–91 में कुल 2 लाख 30 हजार टन उत्पादन हुआ । इसकी जो उत्पादन क्षमता थी, उसका केवल 28.60 परसेंट ही इस्तेमाल हो रहा है । इस कारण यह घाटा बढ़ता चला जा रहा है। साथ ही साथ देश में खाद की आवश्यकता भी बढ़ती चली जा रही है । 1950–51 में जहां पर 0.07 मिलियन टन खाद की खपत थी, वह बढ़कर 12.69 मिलियन टन हो गई है और कुल उत्पादन देश में खाद का हो रहा है 90 लाख टन, खपत हो रही है 12 मिलिन टन, 23 लाख टन बाहर से आयात करना पड़ रहा है ।

महोदय, इस परिस्थिति में मैं माननीय मंत्री जी से जानना चाहता हूं कि जब कि देश में खाद की आवश्यकता भी बढ़ रही है, खपत भी बढ़ रही है, इसको ध्यान में रखते हुए इसको सुधारने के लिए सरकार की तरफ से क्या कदम उठाए जा रहे हैं ?

महोदय, इसी कारपोरेशन के अंतर्गत गोरखपुर फर्टिलाइजर प्लांट है । महोदय, यह 10–6–90 से बंद है । यह भी घाटे में है । सरकार ने एक उच्चस्तरीय समिति का गठन किया था, इसकी जांच करने के लिए, इसके स्वास्थ्य की जांच करने के बाद अक्तूबर, 91 में रिपोर्ट आएगी । अक्तूबर, 91 में वह रिपोर्ट भी आ गई सरकार के पास । महोदय, मैं जानना चाहता हूं क्या सरकार का इरादा उस रिपोर्ट के आधार पर उस गोरखपुर फर्टिलाइजर प्लांट को चलाने का है या नैप्था पर आधारित या बाम्बे हाई गैस पर आधारित दूसरे प्लांट को लगाने की योजना है, यह मैं माननीय मंत्री जी से जानना चाहता हूं ।

SHRI CHINTA MOHAN: Sir, these units or these factories were not started just today but long back. The technologies are outdated. Mostly in the coal plants in the entire world the technologies are outdated, and they are producing huge losses.

We are very much concerned about the Gorakhpur unit. There was an accident in that fertilizer factory. We called for the experts' opinion on that. Soon after getting it, we will examine what we can do.

श्री राम नरेश यादव : वह रिपोर्ट आ गई है अक्तूबर में लेकिन मैं जानना चाहता हूं कि सरकार ने रिपोर्ट आने के बाद क्या किया ? क्या उसके आधार पर नैप्था बेस प्लांट चलाएगी या बाम्बे हाईगैस पर आधारित प्लांट चलाएगी ?

PROF. CHANDRESH P. THAKUR: That is not true. (*Interruptions*)

श्री सभापति : विचार कर रहे हैं ।

श्री शांति त्यागी : माननीय अध्यक्ष जी, मैं माननीय मंत्री जी से पूछना चाहता हूं कि दोनों कारपोरेशंस की जो मैनेजिंग बाडीज हैं या जो मैनेजिंग व्यवस्था है, उसको इंप्रूव करना आपने स्वीकार किया है । तो क्या इस काम में जो वर्कमैन उनमें काम करते हैं, उनसे भी आप कंसल्टेशन करेंगे और इसके अलावा क्या मैनेजमेंट में वर्कमैन को भी हिस्सा देंगे ? यह मैं माननीय मंत्री जी से जानना चाहता हूं ।

SHRI CHINTA MOHAN: I have gone to the company, and I have met a number of labour leaders. We have taken their views. We are examining them. At present I cannot say anything.

श्रीसत्य प्रकाश मालवीय : माननीय सभापति जी, फर्टिलाइजर कारपोरेशन आफ इंडिया और हिन्दुस्तान फर्टिलाइजर कारपोरेशन दोनों सार्वजनिक प्रतिष्ठान है और निस्तर घाटे में चल रहे हैं । मंत्री जी ने उत्तर भी दिया है कि इनमें सुधार करने के लिए विचार कर रहे हैं । मेरा प्रश्न यह है कि जिन सुझावों पर विचार कर रहे है उनमें में क्या एक सुझाव यह तो नहीं कि दोनों सार्वजनिक प्रतिष्ठानों का निजीकरण कर दिया जाए ।

SHRI CHINTA MOHAN: I cannot say anything on the question of giving it to the private sector. I am not ready to answer it.

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: The answer should be yes or no.

श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय : मेरा प्रश्न यह है कि सुझावों पर विचार हो रहा है उनमें से एक विचार क्या यह तो नहीं है कि इन दोनों प्रतिष्ठानों का निजीकरण कर दिया जाये ? He should reply as Mr. Yashwant Sinha has said in negative or in affirmative.

श्री सभापति : आपके सुझाव पर विचार करेंगे ।

SHRI N. K. P. SALVE: The question relates to the capital invested by the Government in the two corporations and the answer is investment by the two corporations in the fixed assets by way of capital. The two concepts are entirely different. May I, therefore, know from the Minister what capital is invested by the Government. This kind of investment is the fixed asset and would take in loan and other liabilities also. Therefore, he should tell us as asked in the question what is the capital invested by the Government and secondly whether the capital has been wiped cut by the losses.

SHRI CHINTA MOHAN: It is a very good technical question. I will give a technical reply. The authorised capital in the case of the Fertilizer Corporation is about Rs. 800 crores and in the case of the Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation it is about Rs. 750 crores. Issued and Subscribed capital in the case of the Fertilizer Corporation of India is about Rs. 616 crores and in the case of the HFC it is about Rs. 660 crores. Loans from the Government in the case of the FCI is Rs. 530 crores and in the case of HFC it is about Rs 804 crores.

SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: The question of Mr. Salve is on subscribe capital. He should give that information.

SHRI N. K. P. SALVE: I hope he has followed my question.

SHRI CHINTA MOHAN: I have followed your question. Let me answer it. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI N. K. P. SALVE: I tried to make it as non-technical... (*Interruptions*)

SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: The way he is answering, the question of his following the question does not arise.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Interruptions have taken more time than the question answer. Kindly be very kind to the House.

SHRI CHINTA MOHAN: I have already replied about the accumulated net losses. It is about Rs. 1400 crores and Rs. 1200 crores.

SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Have you answered the question of Mr. Salve? What is the capital subscribed by the Government? What is your reply to that?

SHRI CHINTA MOHAN: I have already replied. Probably the hon. Member has not followed it. It is about Rs. 616 crores in the case of the Fertilizer Corporation and Rs. 669 crores in the case of the Hindustan Fertiliser Corporation. I have already stated this.

SHRIMATI MIRA DAS: Just now the hon. Minister, in his reply, said that the coal-based fertiliser plants are outdated and most probably they are going to close

it down. Talcher unit of the Fertiliser Corporation is coal-based. I would like to know from the hon. Minister whether he is thinking of revamping it or reorganising the management of that unit. Recently the Fertiliser Corporation of India has sanctioned some crores of rupees to revamp the Ramagundam plant. I would like to know whether this principal will be applicable to the fertiliser unit of Talcher as well.

SHRI CHINTA MOHAN: We are very much concerned about the Talcher unit in Orissa. Both Ramagundam and Talcher are coal-based units. We have not sanctioned any amount for Ramagundam alone. While trying to restructure it we will definitely keep the Talcher unit also in mind.

Import of certain drugs

*303. SHRI R. S. NAIK:†
SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Valporic Acid, Tolnafate, Cefatoxion Sodium, Dipyridamol, Chloropromazine, Trifluoperazine are being imported by major formulators or their associates at much higher prices than being imported by other companies;

(b) what are the names of the companies who are importing these drugs from their principals or their associates and what was the average price of import during the year 1990 and 1991;

(c) what was the price of each drug on which the prices of finished medicines were fixed;

(d) whether it is a fact that under the provision of Drug Policy, 1986 drug companies have to provide details of imports from their principals or their associates within one month of imports; and

(e) if so, what are the details of each importer of these drugs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) to (e) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) and (b) Company-wise imports of drugs are not being monitored. Average cif value of these drugs, to the extent available, for the year 1989-90 and 1990-91 is given below :

Name of the Bulk Drug	Average C.I.F. 1989-90	Value (Rs./Kg.) 1990-91
1. Valporic Acid	803	905
2. Tolnaftate	19801	22466
3. Cefatoxim Sodium	24115	25425
4. Dipyridamole	1407	1346
5. Chlorpromazine Hcl	566	612
6. Trifluporazine Hcl	2172	2502

†The question was actually asked on floor of the House by Shri R. S. Naik.